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OF STAFF GRIGAUT

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1. PER REFTEL A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS IS REQUIRED TO PROCESS GOF APPROVAL FOR DECORATIONS AND AWARDS. REFTEL B GIVES US THREE WORKING DAYS TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT WHICH, SINCE GRIGAUT IS A CHIEF OF STAFF, REQUIRES PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL IN FRANCE. LATENESS OF REF REQUEST DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND SINCE EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON BY AIRATT MESSAGE AUGUST 6.

2. WONDER IF USG INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE BETTER SERVED BY OMITING AWARD IN CASES WHERE REQUEST COMES SO LATE AS TO STRAIN GOF-USG RELATIONS MORE THAN CONFERRING AWARD CAN IMPROVE THEM.

3. IN PRESENT CASE WE HAVE APOLOGETICALLY ASKED QUAI TO MAKE ONE MORE EXCEPTION AND CONSIDER AWARD TO GRIGAUT ON PRIORITY BASIS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT.
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